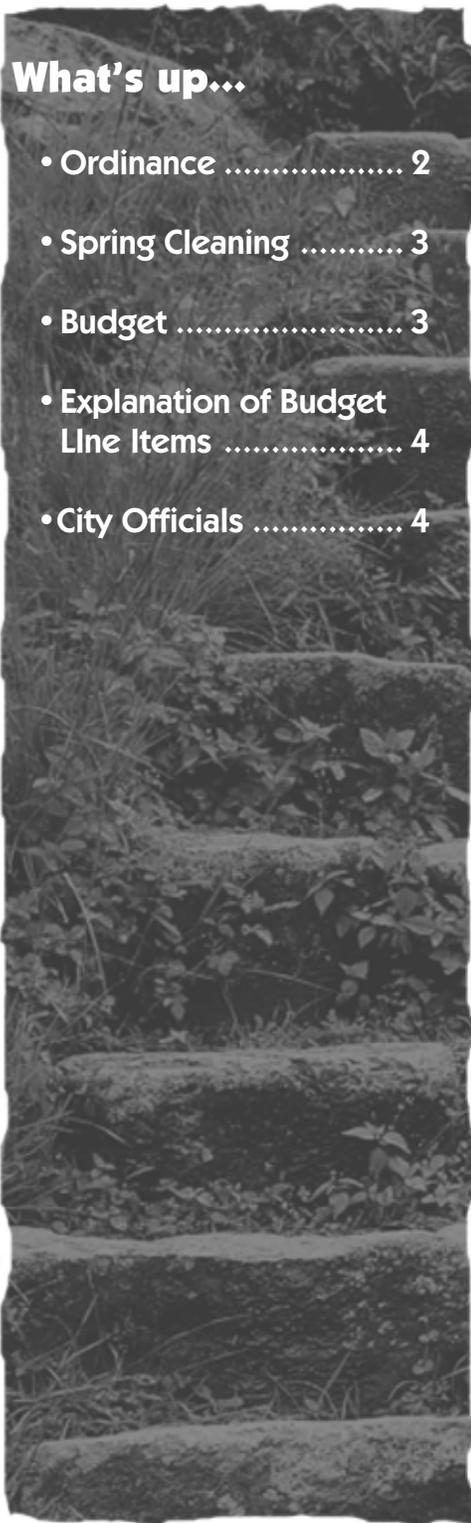


# GARDEN NEWS

City of Seneca Gardens

Summer 2008



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## Why Seneca Park Matters

Several years back, there was a proposal to build a driving range in Seneca Park across from our Trevilian and Denham entrances. Those plans were at Planning and Zoning before the public knew about them and were dropped after public opposition.

Recently, we have heard news of a plan to build six new tennis courts in Seneca Park, near the basketball courts. Those plans are proceeding.

Bowman Field has a conceptual plan showing potential new hangers along Pee Wee Reese at Denham in the golfers' informal chipping range. That plan is not active but could be activated if a corporate client becomes interested in that site for airplane hangers. That land is in Seneca Park, but Bowman has a perpetual lease to that land.

Why should we care?

The obvious answer is that we look out onto and pass through Seneca Park. If it is beautiful and well managed, we benefit. If it becomes congested and ugly, we might as well live next to a business strip as a park. We don't have to look far to see what can happen. The congestion, parking, and traffic that sometimes happen in the Rock Creek section of Seneca Park are a model of what we do not want.

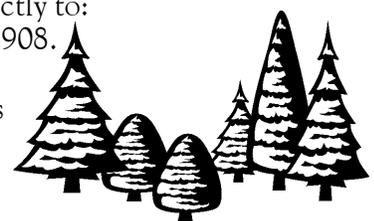
We in Seneca Gardens are a stakeholder in Seneca Park and should be participating in these decisions.

To that end, we have participated in two plans for Seneca Park, 1) the circulation plan which resulted in the new walking paths and 2) a planting plan which governs the design of tree plantings from Taylorsville Road to Beargrass Creek. Seneca Gardens and a couple of Seneca Gardens residents contributed money to those plans. We have arranged for the planting of more than 200 trees in Seneca Park, including a 10-tree redbud grove planted this spring in memory of Julie Morris, a contribution from her friends.

Seneca Gardens should be and has been an active, participating stakeholder in Seneca Park. We should be included and informed about any changes. Recent changes in Seneca Park have not included us or other neighborhood stakeholders. We are not against changes, but all of the neighborhoods surrounding Seneca Park must be included in the discussion *while decisions are being made, not after everything has been decided.*

Please communicate your feelings on this matter, expressing our desire to be a part of the decision-making process, directly to: Tina.Ward-Pugh@louisvilleky.gov, or call 574-3908.

The Seneca Gardens Mayor and Commissioners





ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

CITY OF SENECA GARDENS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS, KENTUCKY RELATING TO AD VALORUM PROPERTY TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION PURPOSE OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, in order to provide fiscal responsibility for its financial affairs, the City of Seneca Gardens, Kentucky (the "City") strives to maintain a proposed plan for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities and objectives during each fiscal year (the "Budget");

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its current Budget for the fiscal year ending 2009 and finds that the City is operating within its Budget and additionally finds the City's current expenditures will not require raising the property tax rate for the calendar year 2008 and thus, the City desires to maintain the current property tax rate;

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and found that maintaining the same tax rate for the calendar year ending 2008 is necessary and proper and in the best interests of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to comply with Chapter 91A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") by enacting an Ordinance for the calendar year 2008 in compliance with the KRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS, KENTUCKY, that:

SECTION 1; January 1, 2008 is hereby set as the assessment date for all real property subject to city taxation within the boundaries of the City of Seneca Gardens, Kentucky.

SECTION 2: The tax rate for the calendar year 2008 shall be at \$0.2131 per \$100.00 of the assessed value of the property (as determined by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Authority). Said tax shall be due and payable as follows:

Discount Date: 2% if paid by January 15, 2009

Face Due Date: March 15, 2009

Penalty and Interest: 10% of face amount if not paid by Face Due Date plus 1.5% per month

SECTION 3: The City Clerk or designee is directed to obtain a true copy of the Jefferson County assessment of property within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca Gardens and make out tax bills therefrom and mail same no later than January 15, 2009.

SECTION 4: The City Treasurer shall receive all remittances and account to the City. Collection of all delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner described by law.

SECTION 5: The proceeds of such taxes are to be used for the general operating expenses of the City.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and approval of the Commission of the City and upon publication.

FIRST READING the 21st day of April, 2008

SECOND READING the 19th day of May, 2008

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND EFFECTIVE the 19th day of May, 2008

\_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Brown, MAYOR

CITY OF SENECA GARDENS

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Wieting, CITY CLERK



## Spring Cleaning Your Garage?

A few weeks ago my husband Tom and I were doing some cleaning in the garage and realized we had fifteen or more paint cans – some with paint, some without – all but two needed to go!

I called Rumpke (568-3800) to inquire how to dispose of them. Here is what we did:

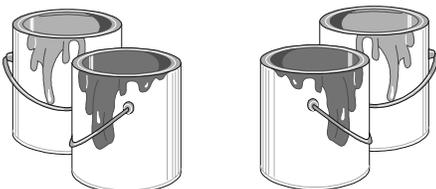
- 1) Set the cans outdoors
- 2) Remove the tops
- 3) IF there is paint inside – fill the rest of the can with kitty litter
- 4) Stir it once or twice and the kitty liter will absorb the paint
- 5) Place in plastic bag (just in case) and set at the curb.

Easy as that!

A couple of other items I have received calls about over the last couple of weeks - Rumpke is not permitted by law to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any materials deemed hazardous.

Bulky materials such as drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable. Loose materials such as shrubbery or lumber must be bundled and tied and cannot exceed 4' in length, 2' in diameter and 50 lbs in weight.

Melissa M. Howell  
451-7416



## City of Seneca Gardens Budget

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

### Income

1. Property Tax Receipts .....	\$153,500
2. Interest Income .....	\$1,800
3. Municipal Aid Road Income .....	\$11,000
4. Tax Insurance Premiums .....	\$24,000
5. Cable Franchise Fee .....	\$4,800
6. Miscellaneous .....	\$750
Transfer from Reserves .....	\$9,950

**Total Income .....** \$205,800

### Expenditures

7. Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste .....	\$74,000
8. Municipal Fire Protection .....	\$35,000
9. Budget Reserve .....	\$5,000
10. Tree Program .....	\$6,500
11. Insurance .....	\$5,450
12. Repair and Maintenance .....	\$13,000
13. Street Lighting Service .....	\$7,800
14. Compensation of City Officials .....	\$3,000
15. Audit Legal and Professional Fees .....	\$12,000
16. Associations and Organizations .....	\$2,000
17. Office Expenses .....	\$1,800
18. Property Valuation Assessment .....	\$3,500
19. Newsletter and Directory .....	\$3,000
20. Gardens Gathering .....	\$3,000
21. Website Maintenance .....	\$750
22. Miscellaneous .....	\$3,000
23. Special Projects .....	\$8,000
24. Legal Fees .....	\$3,000
25. Security Services .....	\$16,000

**Total Expenditures .....** \$205,800

First Reading .....

April 21, 2008

Second Reading and Passage .....

May 19, 2008

*Explanation of line items on page 4*



## Seneca Gardens City Officials

### Mayor

David Brown

2547 Dell Rd. .... 452-2069

### Commissioners

Casey Clements

2404 Seneca Valley Rd. .... 456-4252

Melissa Howell

2550 Seneca Dr. .... 451-7416

Greg Singlust

2405 Valletta Rd. .... 454-7472

Joe Steffen

2545 Dell Rd. .... 458-1119

### Arborist

Mike Hayman

2548 Seneca Dr. .... 459-1130\*

### Treasurer

Carolyn Hood

2556 Seneca Dr. .... 459-6151

### Attorney

Schuyler Olt

..... 262-2802\*

### Architect

Tim Winters

..... 893-2665

### Engineer

Bill Mosier

2611 Meadow Rd. .... 485-1660\*

### City Clerk

Barbara Wieting

2524 Broadmeade Rd. .... 458-9869

Life Threatening Emergency ..... 911

Louisville Police

Douglas Blvd. .... 574-7636

\* Phone number was printed incorrectly in recent directory.



City of Seneca Gardens  
P.O. Box 5217  
Louisville, KY 40255

PRSRST STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
LOUISVILLE, KY  
PERMIT NO 1498

## Explanation of Line Items

1. Assumes a 4% increase in collections over the previous year (\$145,000.00)
2. Estimated based upon 8 months of previous year
3. Consistent with previous years
4. Increased by 20% (collections should increase)
5. Consistent with previous years
6. Penalties and interest on delinquencies (\$200), net of building permits (assuming three @ \$150 each, coal and mineral severance tax receipts (\$100)
7. Assuming first 6 months at \$6,250
8. Consistent with previous years
9. Suggested starting amount (approximately 2.5% of budget)
10. Assuming \$1,000 in resident payments and \$7,500 paid out
11. Officials bond and liability (\$1,300) and city liability (\$4,150)
12. Road treatments (\$5,000), island maintenance (\$1,000), signage upkeep and replacement (\$2,000), and general maintenance (\$5,000 – stone work, street repairs, etc.)
13. 4% increase over previous years payments of \$625/month
14. 8 officials (\$300/year) and clerk (\$600/year)
15. \$9,000 for audit, treasurer fees and clerical assistance of \$3,000
16. Consistent with previous years
17. Rent (\$300), postage (\$150), printing (\$700), bank charges (\$50), P.O. box rental (\$100), and records storage (\$500)
18. Consistent with previous years
19. \$750 quarterly for newsletter
20. Consistent with previous years
21. Webmaster @ \$600/year, other expenses
22. Holiday decorations (\$700), cable franchise fee (\$800), public relations (\$1,000)
23. Maximum amount to be allocated (creek wall, pavers, entrance bridge, traffic island improvements)
24. Overestimate from this year
25. Increased estimate from 07-08 of \$1,000/month

If you are interested in the development of a neighborhood “Block Watch”



program, please email the Mayor at [David.Brown@BBandT.com](mailto:David.Brown@BBandT.com)